

CLEVELAND BUCKEYES BASEBALL CLUB - NEGRO WORLD'S CHAMPIONS AND MEMBERS  
OF NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Eastern baseball fans have been waiting for this opportunity to once again see the Cleveland Buckeyes in action. The Cleveland club created a sensation last season by winning the championship of the Negro American league, and then went on to easily dispose of the Homestead Grays, Negro National league kingpins, for the 1946 Negro world's crown.

The Buckeyes annexed their loop pennant by winning both halves of the schedule, and wasted no time with Homestead, for they eliminated the Grays in four straight.

Sensational and thrilling fielding, exceptional hustle and drive, plenty of hitting power and a wealth of pitching talent, best explains the reason for Cleveland's prowess and accomplishments.

The Cleveland infield includes Sam Jethroe, one of the all-time Negro hitting greats at first base; Johnny Cowan, at second; Billy Horn at short and Leon Kellerman of the Panama Canal Zone at third.

George Minor in center, flanked by Buddy Armour in left and Elie Chisim in right, comprise a power-house outfield trio.

Quincy Troupe is the team's catcher and manager. Troupe is considered Josh Gibson's toughest rival for top receiving honors.

Eugene Bremer, Frank Carswell, Willie and George Jefferson, make up the "big four" of the Buckeyes mound staff. John Brown is back with his fast ball, and has developed an even faster delivery; while the newcomers this season include: Sammy Buddie Woods of Springfield, Ohio; Curtis Jones, a native of Macon, Ga, a left-hander with a deceptive curve ball, and Vibert Clark, another Canal Zone product. Walter "Lefty" Calhoun of Union City, Tenn., a veteran of many campaigns, is another dependable twirler on the staff.